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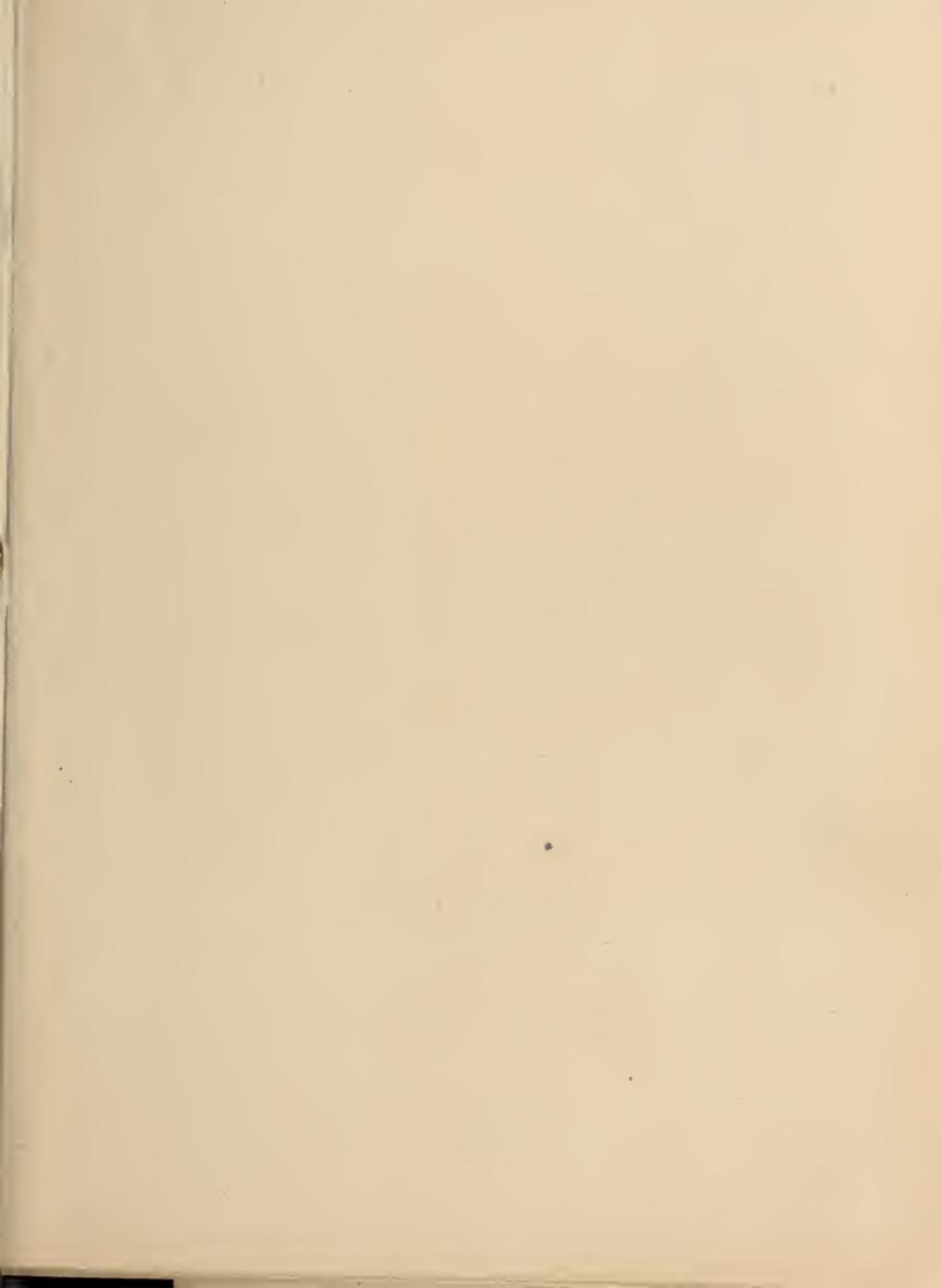


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THE VOLUNTEER AND HIS BIBLE.

PROF. W. W. WHITE.

What part has the Bible played in your life hitherto? What had it to do with your decision to become a missionary? What place is it having in your present and anticipated preparation for the great work? What use do you purpose making of it when you reach the field? These are important questions. I wonder if every volunteer recognizes the supreme position which the Bible sustains in all true missionary effort. Possibly he does theoretically, but is he living every day in the presence of the great fact that a communication by word of mouth of the meaning of the Bible, and an illustration of its teaching by his own life is to constitute his stock in trade?

Jesus was a volunteer missionary. The Bible was his study from his childhood days. It led him to his decision to become a missionary. It was his daily delight. His life was every day ordered by its teaching. The record of his public ministry manifests constant and most wise and forceful use of the Bible, thus showing thorough knowledge of it. Our Lord's example should be imitated and his instruction obeyed.

Some suggestions are now offered the volunteer respecting his Bible:

I. HE SHOULD COLLECT, CLASSIFY, PONDER AND PRAY OVER THOSE PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE WHICH RELATE TO THE FOLLOWING AND KINDRED TOPICS:

1. *Those which describe the condition of man without God.*

Such are Rom. 1: 2; Eph. 2, esp. v. 12; John 3: 17-20; Acts 17: 16-34; Ps. 9, esp. v. 17; Ps. 14.

2. *Those which reveal God's thought respecting lost man.*

Such are John 3: 16; Luke 15; Luke 24: 45-48; Isa. 45: 22; Isa. 55.

3. *Those which indicate how God would save the lost.* Such

are Matt. 28: 19; Luke 24: 47; John 12: 32; Acts 1: 8; 4: 12; 10: 42, 43; Ps. 67; Rom. 10: 13-15.

4. *Those which point out the duty of those already saved, to the lost.* Such are Matt. 28: 19, 20; Mark 16: 15.

5. *Those which promise blessings to those who go to the lost.* Such is Mark 10: 28-31.

6. *Those which mention effects of the gospel preached to the lost.* Such is Matt. 11: 2-5.

II. HE SHOULD STUDY THE BIOGRAPHIES OF MISSIONARIES WHICH ARE FOUND IN THE BIBLE. Such were Noah, Abraham, Moses, Amos, Isaiah, Jonah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Paul. Above all he should study the life of Jesus, the greatest Volunteer—the ideal Missionary. It is a mark of wisdom that God has given us in His book so much of teaching by example. The Bible is not simply a book of rules. It presents principles and illustrates these by life. In connection with your study of these great missionaries read frequently the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

III. THE VOLUNTEER SHOULD BE A THOROUGH, SYSTEMATIC STUDENT OF THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE. As this is to be his only weapon of defence and offence he should aim to make himself familiar with it as rapidly as possible. He should read large portions of it at a time. He should read entire books through at a sitting, endeavoring to catch the meaning of each book as a whole. In all his reading he should make note of interesting

portions and points. In addition to general reading and study, he should lay out for himself or seek aid of others in selecting a course of study which should properly extend over a series of years. It should be definite, progressive, comprehensive, complete. To the mastery of such a course he should direct his energy. Let him waste no time in the careless, aimless Bible study which is in vogue in many Sabbath schools, which is in fact a superficial perusal of Bible helps and not Bible study at all. What the volunteer wants to know is the Bible, and not what people have to say about the Bible.

IV. THE VOLUNTEER SHOULD PRESERVE AND INDEX THE RESULTS OF HIS BIBLE STUDY. He should have an interleaved Revised Bible in which he can record many of the results of his study. He should have a series of note-books also indexed. Does he discover the meaning of some obscure verse? Does he study some particular chapter? Does the connection, never before understood, flash upon him as he reads? Does a passage in a moment of inspiration open out to him as a basis for a gospel talk? Has he collected passages from the Bible as a whole, or from any book of the Divine Library on any topic? Has he spent an hour or two in the study of some important word? Let him carefully preserve the results. He will have occasion for their use in coming time.

Let the student be *definite*—definite in selection of material and method; definite in assignment of time for study; definite in search for and record of results.

It has been taken for granted that the volunteer will apply the results of his study to his own life—that he will grow in grace as he grows in knowledge, and that as occasions present themselves he will use his Bible knowledge for the good of others. The volunteer who does nothing in the way of practical Christian work before he goes to the field will probably accomplish little after reaching it.

"If you want most to serve your race, go where no one else will go and do what no one else will do."—*Mary Lyon.*

A CALL TO PRAYER.

To the members of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions:

During no year in the history of the Volunteer Movement have there been clearer evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit than during the year that has just closed. Beyond question it has been a critical year, involving the deepest interests of the Movement. The problems encountered have been peculiarly difficult, but, as we believe, God has led in reaching their solution. New features have been introduced, and exceedingly important advances have been made in several departments. Notwithstanding contrary statements there are positive and encouraging facts to prove that more and more fully each year the Movement is realizing its supreme purpose, viz.: the hastening forth of volunteers to accomplish the evangelization of the world in this generation. More volunteers sailed during the two years following the Cleveland Convention in 1891 than during the preceding five years. The marked progress of the past year is traceable directly to the prayers of the volunteers and of the many other friends of the Movement.

With gratitude to God for answered prayers and with a deeper realization than ever of the possibilities of united prayer, we, your Executive Committee, do most earnestly recommend that the volunteers in each institution, and all others who long for the immediate proclamation of the gospel to all the unevangelized nations, set apart Sabbath, October 29th, 1893, as a day of prayer for the Student Volunteer Movement, and the other great missionary enterprises of the church.

The following suggestions are offered to the Bands and Associations which are to observe the day:

c. Let there be a meeting devoted to prayer early in the day, open to all those who deeply feel the importance of obeying the command of Christ: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into His harvest."

2. At the most favorable hour in the day let there be a public student meeting with short speeches on the responsibility of Christian students to foreign missions. In case of Associations this may take the place of the monthly missionary meeting.

3. Let there be made at the public meeting a generous offering toward the expenses of the Volunteer Movement.

When we think of the significance of thousands of students all over the country uniting in the observance of this day, we are led to hope that each institution receiving this call will realize its responsibility and privilege. In view of the definite, rich and unfailing promises of Jesus Christ (See Matt. 18:19; John 15:7 Matt. 21:22) may we not expect during the coming year the mightiest displays of the Spirit's power yet witnessed in connection with this Movement?

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JAMES EDWARD ADAMS,

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STUDIES ON INDIA AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

LUTHER D. WISHARD.

Literature for the Course: (1) I. E.—“THE INDIAN EMPIRE,” by W. W. Hunter. \$10.60. (2) A. D.—“LIFE OF ALEXANDER DUFF,” by George Smith. \$1.67. (3) I. M.—“INDIA AND MALAYSIA,” by Bishop Thoburn. \$1.74. (4) P. M.—“HISTORY OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS IN INDIA,” by M. A. Sherring. \$1.92. (5) L. V.—“THE LAND OF THE VEDA,” by William Butler. \$3.00. (6) E. M.—“ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MISSIONS,” edited by E. M. Bliss. \$10.85. (7) M.R.—“THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD,” edited by Arthur T. Pierson; published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York. \$2.00. (to volunteers, \$1.00). (8) Y. M.—“YOUNG MEN OF INDIA,” the paper of the Indian Y.M.C.A. Edited by David McConaughy, Y. M. C. A., Madras, India. Obtained through the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., 40 East 23d St., New York. Price, 50 cents a year. A good wall map of India is indispensable.

STUDY I. THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE.

I. *The Land.* 1, Geography: (1) location; (2) geographical divisions. 2, Physical geography: (1) climate; (2) river systems; (3) mountain systems. 3, Resources: (1) agricultural; (2) mineral. References: I. E., Chaps. i, xvi, xx; I. M., Chap. i; E. M., art. on India.

II. *The People.* 1, Racial derivation; 2, Many peoples, not one nationality; 3, Languages and literature; 4, Social condition --position of women; 5, Arts and architecture; 6, Means of communication. References: I. E., pp. 51, 52; Chaps. iii, iv, vi, vii, x, xi, xiii, xviii; I. M., Chaps. ii, xxvi; L. V., Chaps. iii, ix; E. M., art. on India.

STUDY II. RELIGIONS, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT.

I. *Religions.* Of the thirteen false religions of India only four call for special attention: 1, Hinduism, (1) a social organization, (2) a religious confederacy; 2, Mohammedanism; 3, Aboriginal; 4, Buddhism.

II. *Government.* 1, History of government: (1) Pre-Aryan; (2) Aryan; (3) Mohammedan; (4) Maratha; (5) British—a, East India Company; b, Crown. 2, Present British administration.

III. *Education—Secular.* 1, Native; 2, Government. References: I. M., Chaps. iii-viii; I. E., Chaps. iii, v, viii; pp. 86, 87; Chaps. x-xii, xv, xvi; pp. 472-479; E. M., art. on India.

STUDY III. HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.

I. *Early Christianity.* Introduced previous to 190 A. D. Has had an unbroken career.

II. *Roman Catholicism.* Introduced about 1500. 1, Xavier; 2, The Inquisition.

III. *Protestant Missions.* Founded by the Danes, 1705.

IV. *The Modern Missionary Movement.* Inaugurated by William Carey, during the last decade of Eighteenth Century. References: I. M., Chaps. xi-xv; I. E., Chap. ix; E. M., art. on India; P. M., entire volume.

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND MISSIONS.

ELIZABETH WILSON.

STUDY I. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

- I. What was this mission?
 1. Testifying to that which they knew to be true,
 - a. Regarding the life, death and resurrection of Christ; b. Regarding the work of the Holy Spirit.
 2. Building up a church of which Christ was the head.
 3. Preparing and sending out further witnesses.
- II. To whom was this entrusted?
 1. To original witnesses of Christ.
 2. To the early converts.
 3. To the church at Jerusalem.
 4. To other churches. (Study mission of the church at Antioch.)
 5. Not to unbelievers or selfish followers.
 6. Not even to the angels of heaven.
- III. For whom was the mission given?
 1. For the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
 - a. It showed that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah;
 - b. That Christ is a mightier justifier than Moses.
 2. To Gentiles in all lands.
 - a. It declared one God, a loving and forgiving Father, revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer; b. It emphasized a spiritual, instead of a carnal worship.
- IV. When was the mission to be carried on?
 1. As soon as the power of the Holy Spirit was received.
 2. When the Holy Spirit opened the way.
 3. As long as men or nations remain unevangelized.
 4. Until Christ comes to judgment.

Personal Questions:

If this work was gladly undertaken by eleven men to whom Christ gave his commission, is there reason for 116,000,000 Christians fearing that they can not accomplish the evangelization of the world?

THE MONTHLY MISSIONARY MEETING.

JOHN R. MOTT.

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN MISSIONS.

I. *Missions constitute the great work of the church. The students of to-day are to be the leaders of the church to-morrow. Therefore they should be deeply interested in the work for which they are to become responsible.*

1. Consider the advantages of becoming prepared for this responsibility during one's student days.

2. Note also the special facilities for obtaining the required preparation.

3. Find examples of men who recognized their responsibility in this respect when they were in college, and observe the influence it had upon their life work.

II. *A thorough knowledge of the subject of missions is essential to the well-rounded education.*

1. Study the relation of missions to culture. See Part II, in "Modern Missions and Culture" by Warneck.

2. Indicate how a right study of missions, (1) Widens the student's horizon; (2) Enriches his sympathies; (3) Lifts his aims; (4) Strengthens his faith.

III. *Students have been, as a rule, the leaders in the missionary enterprises of the church.*

1. Consider Paul and his associates.

2. Who were the leaders of the missionary forces of the church in the evangelization of the nations and peoples of Western and Northern Europe? See "Short History of Missions" by George Smith.

3. Note the uniform record of Catholic missions in this particular.

4. Name ten or twenty great Protestant missionary leaders of this century who were distinguished students, and see how much missionary history might be written around their names.

IV. *The secretaries of the mission boards and the mission-*

aries at the front are looking to the students of the United States, Canada and Great Britain for the large proportion of the missionary recruits necessary for the evangelization of the world.

1. Note the requirements of the mission boards.
2. Examine the appeals from the fields.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. It will be well to have the above topic presented at the first missionary meeting of the year. It is calculated, if well presented, to command greater interest in all the subsequent meetings.

2. Where possible let this meeting be held October 29th—the Day of Prayer for the Student Volunteer Movement. Fifteen minutes of the hour should be devoted to reading extracts from the "Call to Prayer" (published in this number), and to a short speech on the significance of the Movement in the light of the topic of the meeting.

3. The outline of the topic is intended to be suggestive to the missionary committee and to the speakers, and not as an outline for speeches. It will be impossible to treat all the points at one meeting. Enough have been given to afford a basis for selection. It will be better to have two or three speeches of ten minutes each than to have one man occupy the entire time.

4. Review the hints on the monthly meeting given in the February and March numbers of **THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER**.

"If there were more abiding in Christ, there would be less abiding in America."

"All Europe could be put into an area in Central Africa that has not a single missionary! A thousand men scattered over those 12,000,000 square miles are equal to about 18 men for the whole of France, 10 for Great Britain, 4 for England, about the same number each for New York and Ohio, and 1 only for Massachusetts and Connecticut together."—*Missionary Review*.

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"TO THE FIELDS!" IS THE KEY-NOTE OF THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1893-94.

The Student Volunteer Missionary Union of Great Britain has lately held its first conference, one which will be memorable in the lives of many who were present. In the "lovely vale of Keswick" 150 students, mostly volunteers, gathered for several days during July to study missions. They were privileged in hearing such missionary speakers as Mr. Eugene Stock, editorial secretary of the Church Missionary Society, Dr. Harry Guinness, Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, Dr. George Smith, whose valuable missionary books are familiar to all, Dr. J. Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission, and his heroic daughter, Miss Annie Taylor, besides a half score of others who had labored on missionary soil. Many conferences on the different phases of missionary work and methods of maintaining a greater interest in missions among the college students were held. That the whole conference was one of marked power is shown by the words of

one who attended the sessions, "God was present of a truth, moving in the minds and hearts of these young servants and of others present, and we look for much fruit not only in the near future, but many days and years hence."

We congratulate our British brothers on the splendid conception of this conference, its large and representative character, and the eminently successful issue to which it was carried. While we crave their prayers in our behalf more this year than ever before, let us, on the other hand, not cease to remember them at a time when they are still marking out the lines for what we believe is destined to be the most remarkable missionary movement of Great Britain.

Representatives of one hundred or more Volunteer Bands attended the missionary institutes held at the summer schools last June and July. Through the lectures and discussions to which they listened, the conferences in which they participated, and the interviews which they had with leading workers, they have been brought into touch with the most advanced and successful methods of awakening and developing missionary interest. The problems of world-wide evangelization have become more real to them. Their convictions concerning their life purpose have been deepened. All this imposes a peculiar weight of responsibility upon them. They have returned to colleges and seminaries where their increased knowledge and inspiration are greatly needed. Much will rightly be expected of them. Tactfully, unobtrusively, perseveringly and prayerfully, let them convey their new ideas and enthusiasm to the Volunteer Bands, and to the presidents and missionary committees of the Associations. How crowded with opportunities these college days are for the volunteer who recognizes it and whose heart is fired by the Holy Spirit of Missions! Fellow volunteers, why be satisfied with last year's record? Recall the vows of consecration made at the twilight hour on Little Round Top and by Geneva's beach. Have we not a right to expect during the coming months, as a result of the thorough sowing of the summer, a fruitage one hundred-fold?

Much of the intensity and spiritual power of the Volunteer Movement all along has been due to the fact that its secretaries have been called to their responsible posts by the clear leading of the Holy Spirit. Coming with an overwhelming consciousness of their divine commission, their words and their works have been attended with power. This year also the two men called to the secretaryship were indicated in a manner unmistakably providential. A few facts about these men will be of interest.

Mr. D. Willard Lyon, who has been appointed Traveling Secretary, is a graduate of Wooster University, and has just finished his second year at McCormick Seminary. He has been president of a successful college association; a corresponding member of the Executive Committee; and for over a year, has ably represented the theological seminaries on the Executive Committee. He has attended summer schools at Northfield, Geneva, and Chautauqua and for years he has been an unusually close student of missions. His one regret in accepting the secretaryship is that it will delay another year his hastening out to China. Mr. Lyon will begin his tour the first of October.

For Corresponding Secretary Mr. H. B. Sharman has been chosen. The Movement is equally fortunate in this choice. Mr. Sharman is a graduate of the University of Toronto. For some time he has been teaching in the Ontario Agricultural College. He has had a successful business experience which will be invaluable to the Movement. He has been a frequent attendant at summer schools, and has had much experience in Christian work. He has been at the office for two months, and has the varied lines of work which center there well in hand.

In planning their work for the term, Bands will want to know what they may expect from **THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER** which may help them. We are glad to announce first a course of six studies on "India and Indian Missions," by Luther D. Wishard, whose long stay in India during his forty months' trip around the world qualifies him to outline studies of peculiar profit. The second course will also contain six lessons, on "Religions," planned by

the editor-in-chief at the request of the assistant editors. These two series of studies are to be published, three studies each month, during the next four months, beginning with the present issue. For the fourth meeting in each month many Bands will doubtless take up the studies on "The Apostolic Church and Missions," which are to appear monthly, conducted by Miss Elizabeth Wilson. It is expected, however, that each Band will bring into play the originality and ingenuity of its members in adapting these different courses to its own peculiar circumstances. No iron-clad scheme can be laid down which will be equally successful under all conditions.

Last year many received a rich personal blessing from the observance of the Volunteer Day of Prayer. These and many others will be eager to keep it again this year. Let none omit reading carefully and thoughtfully the "Call to Prayer," given on page 104.

In this connection we are reminded of the custom which widely prevailed in the early days of the Movement of observing during the noon hour of every day a short season of prayer in behalf of the evangelization of the world. Shall not this "noon watch" be revived by every volunteer offering a petition, wherever he may be at that hour, whether in his room or on the street or at his meal, for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth? Thus will many more laborers be thrust forth and we ourselves shall be kept in closer sympathy with Him whose great heart beats with infinite compassion and love for those other sheep which are not of this fold.

The Volunteer Movement is entering what is in many respects the most important year of its history. The greatest opportunities lie before it and the gravest responsibilities face it. The carefully estimated budget which foots up a total of \$6,000 for the coming year's work, is but an indication to those who have not an immediate knowledge of the needs of the Movement, of the expanding fields of usefulness which are opening before it. The

remarkable answers to prayer which enabled us to close last year with a slight surplus in the treasury give us confidence to believe that so far as the work planned for the coming year is in accordance with the will of God the funds necessary to carry it out will be forthcoming from the treasuries of His stewards. Already, we gratefully acknowledge, word has been received that a friend will give \$500 to the Movement to enable it to undertake advance work; *i. e.*, work over and above what has been done during the last year.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

Those Bands which expect to pursue the course of studies on "India and Indian Missions" should note that the literature referred to at the beginning of the studies in this issue comprises all that will be used in the course. It is quite essential that the whole list recommended be purchased at the very beginning. Special pains should be taken to order "Young Men of India" at an early date in order to secure the copies in time for the use of the Band.

The fall canvass blanks calling for a report of each Band, together with a list of questions of vital importance to the full usefulness of the office of our Movement, will be issued shortly. Let every Band leader feel his individual responsibility in helping to make these reports perfect.

In view of the enlarged expenses of the Movement for this year let each Band and Association make a generous thank-offering on October 29th, the Day of Prayer for the Movement.

Word comes from the Presbyterian Synod of China, assembled in Shanghai a few months since, that the increase in the membership of the churches of that denomination has been 96 per cent. in the last five years, and that these converts give an average of \$4.15 each toward the work of evangelizing China. Think what these facts mean.

METHODS.

THE BAND RECORDS.

FRANK A. KELLER.

For several months a great deal of study and labor has been given to revising and systematizing the S. V. M. F. M. records, so that by keeping more closely in touch with individual volunteers, and by knowing more about them, the Movement may be in a position to bring special calls for workers to the notice of those volunteers, about to complete their studies, who are best qualified to respond to them. The Movement hopes in this way greatly to diminish the number of men who drift into other lines of Christian and secular work on the plea that they find no openings on the foreign field. It also hopes to furnish workers for the field in largely increasing numbers, and thus become, by the blessing of God, a more potent factor in "*The evangelization of the world in this generation.*"

To make these records sufficiently complete to be of the utmost value, and to keep them corrected up to date, the corresponding secretary needs the earnest and constant co-operation of every Band secretary in the Movement. Without well kept Band records, satisfactory records of the Movement are impossible, the work necessarily falls short of its possibilities, and the workers miss the encouragement which a full knowledge of the progress would give.

Few Bands are satisfied with the records they have kept of either men or work; many have kept none at all. Nearly all are beginning to see how much they have missed by not keeping records of work done by the Band and by members who have gone to other institutions or to the field, and realize the importance of beginning such records at an early date. There is considerable advantage to be gained from uniformity in the records, therefore the writer will aim to suggest a system of records for Volunteer Bands which will be so simple, and at the same time so com-

prehensive, that it will commend itself to all Bands and be readily adopted by them.

THE VOLUNTEER RECORD BOOK should be a well bound, "faint ruled," note book, size, 8 x 10 inches, with enough pages to last ten years. Allow a few pages at the beginning of the book for an alphabetical index. Give two facing pages to each man; if these are filled carry forward his record to another page and note the same at the bottom of the last page. Leave a margin of one-half inch at the left of each page for dates; it is best to draw a red line one-half inch from the edge that the dates may stand out more prominently. Enter the following data regarding each man at the top of the first page given to him:—Name and year of graduation. Home address. Date of volunteering. Denomination. Intended profession. Field preferred. Proposed time of sailing.

Below these data draw a double red line; under this, in the margin at the left, enter the current year (as 1893), and in the space at the right of the date enter *very brief* statements of interesting facts connected with the man's work during the year. The following list will suggest the character of facts to be recorded:—Missionary books read. Maps made. Gospel meetings conducted or addressed. City mission work done. Missionary addresses given before college, church or Y. P. S. C. E. audiences. Personal work (a) for souls, (b) for volunteers. In each case be sure to mention the visible results of the effort.

At the end of the college year, close all records with a red line in the same neat, business-like way in which a bookkeeper closes his ledger accounts, and re-open each man's record by entering his address for the coming college year *as soon as it can be learned*. This is an important step and should not be left to be attended to in the fall.

At the first meeting of the Band in the fall let each man report on his summer's work, enter items of interest and continue the record as described above.

The men who go to another institution, or who are out for a year, should be written to at least twice during the year, and any

facts learned should be entered in the records. *Special pains should be taken to close the records of these absent men at the end of the college year and to enter their addresses for the following year.* When men go to the foreign field the same plan of correspondence and record should be followed as with men "out for a year." As men go out from the Band year after year and notes of their work on the field are recorded the book will grow in interest until it becomes one of the most interesting and valuable books in the college. This book will be more convenient if in addition to the alphabetical index the names are tabulated by college classes.

It will have been noticed that the VOLUNTEER RECORD Book contains records of individuals only. A BAND RECORD Book should be kept also. The purpose of this book is to preserve minutes of all meetings and brief records of work done by the Band as a whole. At the end of the year's minutes a summary of the work, taken from the two RECORDS should be arranged as below. The necessary ruling can be done in five minutes.

No.	Name.	Year of Graduation	Volun-teered this Year	Missionary Books Read	Addresses in Churches	Addresses in Colleges	Volunteers Enrolled	Amt. Given to For. Mis.	Amt. Raised for For. Mis.	Maps or Charts Made	Served on a Committee
1											
2											
X	The Band.										

(Extend this ruling as far down page as necessary.)

The headings of columns given are intended to be suggestive rather than exhaustive. The last entry under name should be the Band. The items following will be totals of the respective columns. Below this table should be concise entries of important items which cannot be tabulated conveniently, but which should not be omitted in making a summary of the year's work.

THE MISSIONARY ALCOVE.

[Any publication noticed in this magazine will be sent post-paid on receipt of price (Address:—Student Volunteer Movement, 80 Institute Place, Chicago) unless the publisher's address is expressly given, in which case orders must be sent directly to the publisher.]

Since the last issue of *THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER* a valuable thirty-page catalogue of the "Book Department of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions" has been published. A ramble through its pages shows us many improvements on the catalogue issued two years ago. To the "general" books thirteen have been added, among which we find Dr. Gordon's new work, "The Holy Spirit in Missions," and James Johnston's little collection of "Missionary Points and Pictures." Six new books on Africa are introduced. Burmah has one new book in its list, and China has nine additions. India has six more, and Japan two. Although the literature available on Mexico and South America is limited, yet two new books are added under each of these countries. Three books have been added to Persia's list, while the South Sea Islands and Turkey each have one new one. Thus we see that although twenty-four of the books which were found in the old catalogue have been omitted because the demand for them has been small, yet their place has been more than filled by the forty-six new books which have been introduced into the present catalogue.

One page is devoted to "Missionary Maps and Charts" where eleven such publications are noted. Another page presents the eight new publications, among others, of the Student Volunteer Movement. Twenty-five new "Booklets and Tracts" have been listed and the last two pages of the catalogue show a satisfactory list of the leading "Missionary Periodicals," three of which were not marked before.

In all ninety-three publications are catalogued in this new edition, which did not appear in the list published soon after the Cleveland Convention. This has been made possible by the liberal contributions of friends and the willing and untiring service

of one who devoted his whole time gratis for six full weeks to the work of compiling and reviewing the material for it. Volunteers may now have the catalogue free for the asking. May it be used of God to establish many a "Missionary Alcove," and thus help to furnish "fuel" for many a missionary fire.

NUGGETS.

"He that soweth the good seed is the *Son of man*; and the field is the *world*; and the good seed, these are the *sons of the kingdom*."—*Jesus Christ*.

"To the man who believes in it with all his heart, the missionary life is the noblest, happiest, most blessed under heaven. But to the man into whose heart God himself has not put the thought no life could be more flat and dismal."—*Griffith John*.

"The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the *Great Commission*. Repeat it and see.

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"The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the *Lord's Prayer*. Repeat it and see.

"The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the *Doxology in Long Meter*. Repeat it and see.

"The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions IN THIS GENERATION believes that *three hundred more millions* of the heathen world *ought to die* before we try to tell them of Jesus Christ.

"How long is this unbelief to go on? How many more millions must die before the Church of God is ready? *If thou canst believe, ALL THINGS are possible to him that believeth.*"—*Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D.*

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